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This is A public comment for the weight Petition  
(CC Docket # 96-128)

Dear CHAIRMAN Genachowski

I AM writing you concerning the high cost of the prison calls to our love ones. My parents are both retired and can not afford to pay the high phone bill each month, because they are on A fixed income.

I am having trouble paying for the phone calls, because I only make 34¢ A hour and trying to support myself without my parents help. I would like to have A cheaper phone plan so I can call AN check on my parents more often then only on Saturday evening for About 10 minutes.

Thank you for your time in this matter

Sincerely

Randy Shelby #105942

TO: Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission  
Public Comments  
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Washington, DC 20554

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FROM: Jeffrey D. Weibel FP-4828  
S.C.I.-Greene  
175 Progress Drive  
Waynesburg, Pennsylvania 15370

DATE: 22 Aug. 12'

Re: Public Comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket #96-128)

I'm writing to express my outrage at the high cost of the phone rates to call my family members. Currently it costs me \$3.45/15 min. intrastate call. The prison pays me  $.18\phi/\text{hr} \times 4\text{hrs./day} = .72\phi/\text{day}$ . You can do the math on just how often I'm able to call home after I buy my personal hygiene products (soap, toothpaste, deoderant, etc...), and a few things to eat (since the prison diet is the bare minimum).

The Pennsylvania Department of Corrections (PDOC) get's a "kickback" (THEY call it a: "commission") to the tune of \$7,000,000.00/year from Global Tel Link (GTL). The PDOC attempts to justify this kickback by claiming; monitoring fees, and equipment to monitor the inmates phone calls. The staff utilized to monitor these calls are "static", they're here, and paid regardless of what they're doing. The equipment is supplied by GTL, and is merely the cost of doing business w/ the lucrative penal systems (nationwide [largest single phone provider]).

I'm respectfully requesting that your agency set a nationwide policy that "reels-in" this outrageous industry, to prevent them from taking advantage of the largest, unprotected portion of society next to the children of this country.

Thank you for your time and serious consideration in this matter.

Regards,



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CITY	STATE	ZIP

FROM:		
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INSTITUTION	DATE	

IN CORRESPONDENCE, USE NAME AND NUMBER ON YOUR LETTER AND ENVELOPE

DEAR CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI

This is a public comment for the WRIGHT Petition (cc Pocket # 96-128).

Due to the high cost of prison phone calls I can't talk to my family regularly. This is not much of a big problem & it wasn't a real problem with me until I had to contact the court regularly. Once I was scheduled for a video conference and was told it may or may not work I was there waiting and nothing happen. This was just on July 24, 2012. I couldn't call until July 27, 2012 to see if it was rescheduled or was all out come made. But, I wasn't able to fully talk and get a full understanding of what was going on because the money went so fast on the phone. It was until July 30, 2012 I was aware that they changed the court date to October 23, 2012. But, yet, again because of the money I wasn't able to get a full understanding. Hearing from the court my court date was really August 23, 2012 which I heard on August 16, 2012.

Much Love,  
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DEAR CHAIRMAN GENACHOWSKI

My name is Robert Smith and I have been incarcerated now for over 10 1/2 years and have been able to phone home until August of 2012 when GTL cutoff my phone service to my parents, brother, & sister phones requiring them to now prepay for my collect calls, they have always paid there phone bill for my calls and I feel that GTL is now punishing my family and making them a victim and putting a hardship on them by charging them outrageous prices to prepay for the collect calls, GTL makes it more expensive for the calls on prepaid call and charges a fee to put money on your prepaid account, They also are giving kickbacks to the state, I feel West Virginia and GTL Phone Company should be held responsible for trying to make unreasonable profits off inmate's families, and are punishing inmate's family by the high cost for them to stay in contact with there loved ones who are locked up

Thank You

Robert L Smith JR

DENMAR CORRECTIONAL CENTER

This is a public comment for the Wright petition (cc Docket #96-128).

Dear chairman Gopachowski,

My name is Allen Campbell and I am currently an inmate at Northwestern Regional Adult Detention Center in Winchester Virginia. I am writing you to Support the wright petition (cc Docket #96-128) and to express my concern regarding the negative effects that High Cost Prison Phone Calls have on inmates, their families, and the community at large.

My personal experience with high cost prison phone calls has lead me to believe that the few Communication companies that are involved in the prison phone systems have cornered a Lucrative market and are currently exploiting the parties involved without regard to the adverse effects their selfish actions have on the community.

For example, the high cost of prison phone calls is counter-productive to the inmates Rehabilitation because the majority of the inmates can not afford to keep in contact with their communities and families. This results in the inmates losing much needed support and assistance as well as contributing to a state of isolation that generally leads to the inmates feeling depressed and in pain. This in turn can lead the inmates to develop a institutionalized personality that is prone to violence, which is counter-productive to the inmates Rehabilitation.

Especially the high cost of prison phone calls is a violation of basic human rights and should be treated as such. Without access to affordable phone calls we inmates can not receive the support from our families and communities that we need to recover. This in turn contributes to the high rates of --

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This is a public comment for the writ petition (see Pocket # 91-108).

- Recidivism which is a large burden on the tax-payers and community at large.

It is my hope that in writing this letter the public will become aware of the negative effects that high cost prison phone calls have on inmates and will take legal action against these selfish communication companies and support the writ petition. Thank you for taking the time to read this letter and support this worthy cause.

Cordially, J.S. [unclear]

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

I am writing you in regards to the high cost of prison phone calls. My parents are both recently retired, and so don't have the income that they used to. Ofcourse, i want to call and check on them and my 94 year old grandmother as often as possible. With the outrageous phone rates as they are, it is not as often as i would like. Plus, the mail takes approximately 30 days to send or receive a letter. So, that is no help. Please do what you can to end the practice of price gouging prisoners and their families for the cost of phone calls.

I thank you.

Jeffrey D. Lubin

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Thomas May  
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August 15, 2012

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

This is a public comment for the Wright Petition (CC Docket # 96-128).

At Maine State Prison the state purchases phone minutes for about .02¢ and then turns around and charges prisoners .30¢ for those same minutes to make calls.

I am a senior citizen and must rely on my elderly parents to send money each month so I can stay in contact with them out of state. There are few paying jobs. They are on a fixed income and we must ration our precious minutes.

Sometimes either one of us has personal issues we would like to discuss and help each other emotionally but we can't afford it.

Our families are paying dearly for our mistakes financially just for the phone calls.

Please help everyone incarcerated in this country that is being cut off from their loved ones by high phone rates as their case many.

Thank you

Sincerely

Thomas May  
96118  
Maine State Prison

Mr. Julius Genachowski:

Aug. 16<sup>th</sup> 2012

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This is a public comment for the Wright petition cc Docket # 96-128. I have family living in Maryland and I am currently detained in Maryland. The price for a phone-call is the same price as if I call someone in another state. Please can you make the phone price more reasonable. I have a state job that only pay less than \$20.00 a month. Phone calls are at \$10.60 at the minimum. I also have to buy food and hygiene. If possible, can you give me a update or a reply to this letter. Thank you for your time and participation.

*apart Truly*

*Mr. William K. Dixon*

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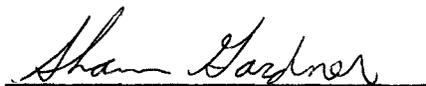
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Dear Mr. Chairman Genachowski

I'm writing you this letter to comment on the outrages prison phone calls. The prison I'm in charge you to set up an account then every time your family wants to put money on you account, the company charges you an extra seven dollars. Credit card companies don't even charge that much to add money to a credit card. It's hard for me to check in with two of my daughter's who live in separate houses. I would like for the calls to be more affordable so that I can be able to help them with their homework every night. I'm three and a half hours from them so I don't get visits like that. So the only communication I have to be a father to my children is the phone. I have to make a choice if I'm going to eat or call home to my children and family. I would like to also address that the computer system that we're calling on always hangs up which is costing us more money, because we can't get our money back for hang up calls.

Mr. Chairman Genachowski I hope my public comment is addressed and that you can please look into this matter on how prisoners and their family's are being held hostage when it comes to communicating with each other. Thank you and have a nice day.

Sincerely



Mr. Shawn Gardner  
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Ryszard Szymanski,

My name is curie called Vaughn / Frankie Nufus #145696, I'm a native American personer doing life w/out parole, in a Michigan prison called Kinross Cor. fac. in Kinchola, Mich.

I am jail I should write to you about the phone problem & cost, and I can only speak about myself, what's okay with me.

I've been clean almost 40 years, and back in the day, has no problem or my family afford paying the phone bills, but in the last year and a half, this new phone company the state prison, is hooked into, the cost is killing me and my wife, I have off

my prison wage, which is \$1.31 per day, I make less than \$80.00 a month, depend on how many days, lets me know what I can put on the PCS, which runs about 10", that round out to be

if phone calls at \$2.88 per call for 15 minutes a month. My wife can't afford to send me much, since this Michigan HMO has cut Medica care and something else, my wife has to pay out of pocket for the medication she needs

to take daily, and the cost can't cheap, so what little she dose send goes right on the phone. If I call her direct it cost \$3.20 per call, and if I can call her on my dime, it cost me \$2.88, we've been trying

to get a raise for a very long time to meet the cost of living in prison, with there cost keep going up, and the phone cost, it's getting harder & harder to deal with, it's either go without soap and toothpaste, or don't call home, and with my wife in and out of

the hospital because of her Cerebral disease, I call home.

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Dear Chairman Genachowski,

My name is Michael Blakes and I am an inmate. I have a wife and two kids. My wife has recently been laid off of her job for the past three months. As you may know the economy is in a very bad situation so it is very hard for people to find work. When she was laid off of work she had to sell her car for \$1,500 just so she could pay rent and utility bills. Not to mention food for her and the kids. My wife is out there struggling hard and barely able to pay the rent. She is still unable to find work. I am ashamed that I am not out there to support her and my kids. I am serving a 25 years sentence in prison. The location of the prison is very far from where my wife and kids live so as you can imagine they are not able to visit me. Talking to my wife and kids ~~is~~ is the only thing that's keeping me sane during this imprisonment. Unfortunately I have not talked to them for three months because my wife cannot afford to pay the highly expensive phone fees for me to call. The prison phone system is just ridiculous and inconsiderate with its high phone rates. My wife is on the edge of being evicted, so there is no way she can afford the prison system's high phone rates. ~~It is~~ It is bad enough that prisoners have to suffer from this selfish act, but don't make innocent families suffer and be deprived of talking to a loved one on the phone. Many many families are unable to travel to come see their loved ones. So don't make them pay -

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because of the greed of the prison phone system. I am not saying for the prison phone system to give handouts, but I am saying that it is time for them to be considerate to those who helped them get rich. Thank you for taking the time out to read this letter, I really appreciate it.

Michael Blakes K83496  
Western Illinois Correctional Center  
2500 Route 99 South  
Mt. Sterling, IL. 62353

I also have Crohn's Disease, and had one major surgery, my wife has had 2 major surgeries and 4 smaller ones.

And the phone company is ripping us and our families off, and if your group can help, I thank you, and if I can be of help, be free to ask, I don't fear the MDCC here I'm doing life, and got almost 40 years in and I'm 57 years old, I just want to be able to call home at a fair cost, and a fair cost to my wife to put funds on her phone.

Thank you for hearing me out.

Respectfully  
Mr. Vaughn